



PATENT APPLICATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Lakjaya Buluwela et al : February 9, 2006  
S.N. : 10/019,520 : Art Unit 1635  
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For : CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, in the above-captioned patent application. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Respectfully submitted,  
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